



FIG. 2604. JAMES MILLS, M. A. LL. D.

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"God might have made a better man than an Irishman, but he never did."—Anon.

DR. JAMES MILLS was born of North of Ireland parents, in the County of Simcoe, Ontario, in the year 1840. There, until he reached twenty-one years of age, he received a most thorough training in all the practical details of Canadian farm work, as the farm upon which he was brought up, and upon which he worked, was one of the best managed and best cultivated in the province. So far his life had been intensely practical. A

serious accident formed the turning point in his career. At twenty-one he lost his right arm in a threshing machine, and, thus handicapped, he stood upon the threshold of his life work with responsibility, and what some might call disaster, staring him in the face. He then entered the public school and began his education at the time when the majority of young men have already finished. Hitherto his training had been manual or physical: now he began to